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SUBJ: PERUVIAN EXILE LOBBIES IN QUITO

1. PERUVIAN EXILE AND FORMER DEPUTY FROM CAJAMARCA, DR. AUGUSTO G. VILLACORTA CASTANEDA, HAS BEEN IN QUITO SINCE BEGINNING OF QUITO MFM TO LOBBY AGAINST PRESENT PERUVIAN REGIME AND ON BEHALF OF HIS OWN EXILE ORGANIZATION (FRENTE DE LUCHA PARA LA LIBERACION DEL PERU) WHICH VILLACORTA CLAIMS HAS MORE THAN 50 THOUSAND MEMBERS.

2. VILLACORTA HAS RECEIVED SOME LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE, INCLUDING BRIEF NEWS ITEMS NOVEMBER 10 IN QUITO'S MORNING DAILIES EL TIEMPO AND EL COMERCIO. VILLACORTA'S PITCH HAS FOCUSED ON UNPOPULARITY OF VELASCO GOVERNMENT, MISTREATMENT OF THE PRESS AND APPEAL FOR IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS.

3. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF NOVEMBER 20, VILLACORTA SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL DISSATISFACTION OVER PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS WITHIN PERUVIAN AIR FORCE AND NAVY, PARTICULARLY OVER GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE. VILLACORTA WAS NOT, HOWEVER, OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ANY CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN THE SHORT-TERM SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT THE ARMY, LOYAL TO VELASCO, IS IN FIRM CONTROL.

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4. EMBOFF ASKED IF VILLACROTA HAD ANY PLANS TO

TRY AND MAKE IT BACK TO PERU. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT FEEL SAFE RETURNING NOW AND INSTEAD PLANS TO RETURN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK TO HIS EXILE RESIDENCE IN MEXICO, WHERE, IN ADDITION TO HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, HE SERVES AS A CONSULTING PEDIATRICIAN IN MEXICAN CLINIC.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF VILLACORTA AND FOR ALL WE KNOW HE IS A ONE-MAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. HE STRUCK EMBOFF WHO MET HIM AS SINCERE BUT SOMEWHAT QUIXOTIC. HE ALSO CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION OF BEING EXTREMELY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND PROFESSED TO BE FRIENDLY WITH A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT US FIGURES INCLUDING GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER.
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